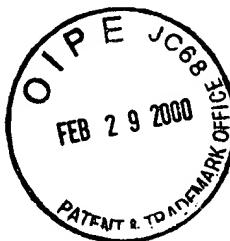


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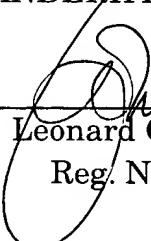
Supplemental to the IDS filed on November 10, 1999, Applicants now attach a copies of references in connection with this application.

The Examiner is requested to initial the attached PTO-1449, and to return a copy of the initialed document to the undersigned as an indication that the listed references have been considered and made of record.

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